

Board of Trustees Workshop

December 20, 2011

The Board of Trustees for the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 beginning at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher, Trustees: Ralph Falloon, Charles Hustis, III, and Airinhos Serradas. Trustee Bruce Campbell joined us a little later.

A review of the Environmental Assessment form and Negative Declaration for the Comprehensive Plan was done before Trustee Campbell joined us. The following changes or additions were made:

Page 1 Revision date - December 20, 2011;

Page 4 # 24. Planning process was supported by grants from the NY Department of State **and Hudson River Greenway;**

Page 5 Update submission dates: Plan Adoption Date - 01/2012; Advisory Review - 12/2011; GML 239 Review - 12/2011;

Page 5 # 4 The Proposed Plan recommends creation of a new ~~Land Conservation District, use of Overlay Districts in appropriate areas,~~ conforming district boundaries with property boundaries;

Page 22 1st paragraph, 7th line down... The modified 2011 Plan dated November 10, 2011... **Date changes from November 10, 2011 to December 7, 2011;** and

Page 26 3rd bullet last line - alternate changes to **alternative.**

RESOLUTION NO. 81-2011

WHEREAS, The Village Board has before it a draft Comprehensive Plan and

WHEREAS, this is an action subject to SEQRA and the Village Board is Lead Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has caused to be prepared and has before it an Environmental Assessment Form, and has identified the action as a Type I Action,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That after due consideration of all the facts and circumstances in this matter, the Village Board as Lead Agency does hereby adopt the annexed Negative Declaration.

Trustee Hustis presented the foregoing resolution which was seconded by Trustee Serradas.

The vote on the foregoing Resolution was as follows:

Trustee Charles Hustis voted yes

Trustee Bruce Campbell absent

Trustee Airinhos Serradas voted yes

Trustee John Ralph Falloon voted yes

Mayor Seth Gallagher voted yes.

The motion was carried with a vote of 4-0 with Trustee Campbell absent.

Resolution # 81-2011 adopting a negative declaration for the draft Comprehensive Plan is officially adopted on December 20, 2011.

A copy of a contract from Harris Computer Systems was received by the Village for a third user license for their database software and services. After Village Attorney Stephen Gaba reviewed the contract, he noted that the Board may seek to approve the contract or, if the Board is unwilling to accept the limitation of liability, the contract may go out for an RFP once again. The purchase is for an additional license to legally allow for a third computer to be connected to the present system. The purchase agreement is \$800 for the software license fee, \$150 for the installation and set up and \$280 for annual maintenance bringing the total to \$1,230.

Trustee Hustis made a motion to accept the contract for the software license and maintenance fees, seconded by Trustee Falloon. With a unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

There was a discussion regarding **outsourcing the Village's garbage and recycling** to Royal Carting for pick up. Trustee Serradas felt that it would free up two more days for the Highway Department. Mayor Gallagher pointed out that the men would have to get paid for those two days and this would be adding an additional cost for the Village of approximately \$100,000 for the outsourcing. Mayor Gallagher could not see where this would save the Village any money but instead cost the taxpayers a great deal more money. The Highway Department would still need the garbage trucks to pick up additional refuse on Main Street, at the dock, and following all weekend activities thereby still having the expense of the maintenance of the trucks while outsourcing. Royal only picks up one receptacle, which is provided by them, while our men pick up whatever is put out on curbside. Trustee Serradas requested a detailed schedule of the Highway Department to see if this would work. Trustee Serradas is going to continue working on this idea.

Regarding the possibility of a **new health insurance plan, MVP or Hartford**, for the Village employees, Trustees Serradas and Campbell will meet with the employees and give them the information. At this point, the employees are satisfied with their present plan. Hartford will meet with the Board to explain the advantages of their plan.

Tom Rolston said that he has MVP and it has saved his business money. The paperwork is on the employer, not the employee.

Trustees Hustis and Serradas toured the Village with Officer in Charge, George Kane, in an effort to improve **Vehicle and Traffic Code Regulations** to promote and increase Village safety for some of the streets. The following was submitted to the Board.

Main Objectives:

1. Improve police officers' ability to perform their jobs better by creating more distinct guidelines to help enforce the traffic laws.
2. Promote and increase Village Safety.

Other areas Subtext of Objectives:

Set up and maintain a regular radar speed check in front of the school (9D). Increase revenue, we should be able to coordinate with Sheriffs office or in cases, set up two cars, one as the lead car to tag and the second to pull over.

As a board, we could authorize the Police Department to test out bringing in 2 officers to do that on a trial

basis; i.e. authorize 4 sessions for one additional officer for a (4 hour shift). With 2 officers on duty, get Sheriffs Department to provide support, in event of emergency, one officer leaves, the speed enforcement continues.

Institute formalized training and retraining of the crossing guards. Their safety is as paramount as the kids they protect. This is similar to annual certifications in other industries.

These new laws will allow our law enforcement to issue tickets that will not be thrown out due to lack of signage.

With 13 officers and 1 parking enforcement meter officer, we should be averaging more than 40 tickets a month. This is an untapped revenue stream. Current average is less than 3 tickets per officer per month.

Furnace Street:

- DO NOT ENTER sign needs to be replaced with new one;
- Wall Street (make left at stop sign when entering Furnace Street);
 - o NO PARKING signs need to be placed on both sides.

Fair Street:

- Sign for SATURDAY MASS, PARKING FROM 4:30 PM TO 6:30 PM.

Garden Street::

- 1st four spots subject to 4 hour parking regulations
- Replace signs near Cold Spring Pizza
- Uniform signs with suggested 4 hour max (change to 5 hour as in code)
- Sign - Maximum 48 hour parking

Church Street:

- Uniform signs with suggested 4 hour max (Residents with stickers have preference)
- Sign - Maximum 48 hour parking

Northern Avenue and Church Street

- NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign heading north in front of tree, with yellow marked stripes on south side of street.

Main Street/Chestnut:

- Install an electronic chirper for the blind to know when it is safe to walk.

Main Street (corner of Parsonage Street):

- From 12 Parsonage Street, NO PARKING to Main Street
- NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign heading north, with yellow marked stripes on north and south side of street.

Academy Street:

- NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign from fire hydrant side of street to corner of Route 301 (Main Street)
- Sign - Maximum 48 hour parking

Wall Street:

- NO PARKING on south side of street (as you go up wall street, your right side near the rock wall)
- Needed when we have 4th of July event

Parsonage Street:

- NO PARKING sign needs to be replaced
- At top of the hill, NO PARKING signs on both sides of street need to be placed so we can have a continuous flow of vehicle movement.
- NO PARKING to Main Street from 12 Parsonage Street

Market Street near Metro North:

- Market Street on Metro North side - 4 hour parking (suggestion)
- At sidewalk across from Chapel, NO PARKING signs need to be placed
- NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign heading out to Lunn Terrace (people cannot make corner safely)
- Across Market Street heading towards dock area 4 hour Maximum unless you have resident sticker (takes 6 months to get sticker)

New Street:

- Right side NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign
- Place STOP Sign on both sides of street

Fish Street:

- Right side NO PARKING on left (move "Fish Street" sign so it is more visible.)

North Street:

- NO PARKING with yellow lines on left side entering North Street
- NO PARKING on right side, private property

Locust Ridge:

- NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER - 2 car lengths to accommodate busses, supported by yellow striping entering and leaving Locust Ridge onto Mountain Avenue.
- STOP sign on north side of Mountain @ Locust Ridge.

Spring Brook:

- Beginning at Apt 47C Unit, NO PARKING to end of block

Kemble Avenue:

- Driving wrong way - remove "DO NOT ENTER" sign and replace with ONE WAY sign.

Ball Field at Mayors Park:

- Repaint diagonal signs
- Sign - Maximum 48 hour parking

Depot Restaurant:

- Crosswalk at bottom of Main Street in front of Visitor Center
- Clearly address white versus yellow lines. What does it mean? How enforceable is no parking when you are within the yellow lines?
- Uniform signs with suggested 2 hour parking maximum

Throughout Village, cut back foliage where signs are covered, replace faded and outdated signs. Up and down Main Street, institute 4 hour max parking limit or ticket.

To ensure safety, place PEDESTRIANS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY over vehicles signs at cross walks. Any area marked "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" to be demarcated with yellow stripes and curbs marked.

All handicapped areas -- freshly painted striping on street and curbs marked.

Resident stickers:

By Village Board resolution, we can vote to have resident stickers (takes 6 months to get it). I had checked with Chairman Vincent Tamagna and his office informed me that all it takes is a resolution to protect the side street residents and alleviate any issues that might arise from giving residents who live on streets with no off street parking.

We have a state precedent with the lower Main Street Area on the books, by a resolution; we can institute sticker parking for all residents for their respective streets that tie into Main Street. The sticker gives them a pass on ticketing on the proposed 4 hour limit/48 hour limit. Only non-resident violators would be

subject to tickets. This makes it easier for our law enforcement to issue tickets.

Once this is in place, we can move towards Municipal meters which will greatly increase the revenue for the Village and simplify issuing tickets and compliance.

We can then move towards utilizing municipal meters to boost revenue as Cold Spring continues to become more of a tourist destination.

It is important that this is in place and operational in anticipation of implementation of the LWRP. Our streets are our life blood. We must anticipate and prepare for the influx of people that will be visiting. The burden of the Village should not be bourn by the residents. We should be the recipients of the fruits of the labor. The increase in revenue will translate into tax dollars that we can use to bury power lines and keep our taxes low.

Tom Rolston suggested adding Paulding Avenue at Chestnut Street for a NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign. It was also suggested that Mirrors be used at the intersection of Fair and Main Streets because when someone is parked in the "15 Minute" parking, it is difficult to see up the street for oncoming traffic.

Trustee Hustis requested the Board members check out these suggestions and report back to the Board with their findings.

A motion was made to rescind the Cold Spring **Fire Company's Resolution #59-2011** from September 6, 2011.

BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution #59-2011 regarding the relationship between the Cold Spring Fire Company and Village Board of Trustees is hereby rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Board requests that the Fire Company's portion of payment for Philipstown Fire Service contract be paid directly to the Fire Company from Philipstown and that the Village portion of the contract be paid directly to the Village.

Trustee Hustis presented the foregoing Resolution which was seconded by Trustee Campbell.

The vote was as follows:

Trustee Bruce Campbell yes
Trustee Ralph Falloon voted yes
Trustee Charles Hustis voted yes
Trustee Airinhos Serradas voted no
Mayor Seth Gallagher voted yes

The motion on the foregoing Resolution was carried with a vote of 4-1-0.

The Resolution is officially adopted this day, Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

Trustee Hustis made a motion to pay the bills presented to the Board, seconded by Trustee Serradas. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

There will be no Workshop meeting on December 27, 2011.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon